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**PETITION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF
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Applicant hereby petitions that the attached Information Disclosure Statement be entered into the above-identified application and considered by the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Enclosed is a check for \$180.00 to cover the petition fee of 37 CFR § 1.17(p).

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. A copy of the non-U.S. Publication is attached. The references cited in this Information Disclosure Statement were cited in a European Search Report (copy attached) of the European Application No. 02025350.6-1254 corresponding to the parent Application No. 09/991,880 (allowed, issue fee paid) of this application.

Applicant notes that U.S. references are indicated as technological background (A). EP 1 147 978 is indicated as being particularly relevant if taken alone (X) to certain claims of the European application corresponding to original claims of patent application No. 09/991,880. Applicant notes that EP 1 147 978 appears to disclose a structure similar to Figure 5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,270,124 to Nanko, which is already of record.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested

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